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REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the press release issued by the Argentine Government on 29 January 1993 regarding the situation in Angola.

I should be grateful if you would have this communication circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Emilio J. CARDENAS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Press release issued by the Argentine Government
on 29 January 1993

The Argentine Government deplores the outbreak of violence in Angola, which has claimed human lives and reversed the ongoing peace process.

It therefore calls upon the Government and UNITA to resume their dialogue and agree on a new cease-fire without delay, and respect the commitments undertaken in the Bicesse Accords.

In particular, the Argentine Government calls upon UNITA to respect the results of the free and impartial elections held in September 1992 and to resume the demobilization process. Moreover, it exhorts UNITA to free, as soon as possible, the foreigners it is holding prisoner.

It likewise requests the countries of the region to abstain from any action that could lead to an extension of the conflict, which could have unforeseeable consequences.

In view of this situation, Argentina underscores the efforts of the international community to support, cooperate with and assist the negotiation process and ensure the implementation of agreements already reached.

The Argentine Government firmly supports the measures taken by the Security Council, and emphasizes the positive role that the United Nations is playing in this process through its verification mission (UNAVEM II), to which Argentina has contributed 10 civilian police officers and 6 military observers.

In this regard, the Argentine Government believes that the success of these international efforts depends on the genuine political will of all parties to achieve peace and rebuild the country.